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SUBJECT: U.S. VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER BIJEDIC

REF: BELGRADE 0283

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM UNDER SECRETARY SISCO AND ASSISTANT  
SECRETARY HARTMAN

1. AMBASSADOR SHOULD SEEK EARLY APPOINTMENT TO CONVEY U.S.  
PROPOSAL FOR VISIT BY PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL COUNCIL  
DZEMAL BIJEDIC TO THE UNITED STATES. PRESIDENT FORD WOULD  
LIKE TO INVITE BIJEDIC TO WASHINGTON FOR A WORKING VISIT ON  
MARCH 19, 1975. THE PRESIDENT WOULD PROPOSE TO HOST A  
LUNCHEON IN MR. BIJEDIC'S HONOR, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE  
PRESIDENT'S REQUEST, THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD BE PRE-  
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PARED TO ENGAGE IN A MORE DETAILED REVIEW OF U.S.-YUGOSLAV

RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL TOPICS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. MEETINGS WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE CABINET OFFICIALS SUCH AS THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE COULD ALSO BE ARRANGED. THE PRESIDENT CONVEYS HIS CORDIAL GREETINGS TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AND HOPES THAT HE WILL BE IN A POSITION TO ACCEPT THIS INVITATION.

2. THE AMBASSADOR MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING BACKGROUND INFORMATION IN DISCUSSING THE TYPE OF VISIT WE ENVISAGE:

(A) AS WE VISUALIZE IT, BIJEDIC WOULD SPEND ONE NIGHT IN WILLIAMSBURG; ONE AND ONE HALF DAYS IN WASHINGTON; ONE OR TWO DAYS VISITING ANOTHER CITY (CITIES) TO BE AGREED UPON. THE WASHINGTON PROGRAM WOULD BEGIN WITH A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY AT ARLINGTON CEMETERY AND WILL BE FOLLOWED BY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT DURING THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON IN HIS HONOR. AFTER LUNCH BIJEDIC WOULD DRIVE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE FOR TALKS WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER. A MEETING WITH SECRETARY DENT OR ANOTHER APPROPRIATE CABINET OFFICER WOULD BE ARRANGED FOR MID-AFTERNOON. THE SECRETARY OF STATE WOULD GIVE A DINNER OR RECEPTION FOR BIJEDIC IN THE EVENING.

(B) THE MORNING OF THE SECOND DAY IN WASHINGTON COULD BE SPENT IN FURTHER TALKS WITH APPROPRIATE CABINET OFFICERS AND/OR IN CONTACTS WITH THE CONGRESS. THE YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR MIGHT GIVE A LUNCHEON IN BIJEDIC'S HONOR. DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON WOULD TAKE PLACE AFTER LUNCH.

3. DETAILS OF THE OUT-OF-WASHINGTON PORTION OF A BIJEDIC VISIT WOULD BE WORKED OUT ON THE BASIS OF DISCUSSIONS BY U.S. AND GOY OFFICIALS.

4. IF THIS INVITATION IS ACCEPTABLE TO BIJEDIC, WE WILL WISH TO COORDINATE WITH YUGOSLAVS ON TIMING AND TEXT OF VISIT ANNOUNCEMENT. KISSINGER

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